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HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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DELETION OF SOME PORTIONS FROM TEXT BOOKS
NANDIPAKU VENKATASWAMY

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Director of CBSE has issued a circularto all CBSE schools to delete certain portion in the text books of class VI, VII and XI;

(b) if so, the portions that are to be deleted and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the names of authors of these text books?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) & (b) : Yes Sir. The CentralBoard of Secondary Educationhad received an instruction from the NCERTto inform all the affiliated schools about the decision taken by the NCERT to delete some portions/statementsfrom the Historytext books of various classes published by the NCERT.The NCERT had recommended the deletion ofcertain portions as they purportedly contained some objectionable references about some of the religions, communities and great personalities of India. Accordingly, a circular dated 23rd October, 2001 was issued by the CBSE to allHeads of institutions affiliated to CBSE.A Statement indicating the portions deleted from the NCERT History Books is annexed.

(c) Ancient India - Class VI by Romila Thapar
Modern India - Class VIII by Arjun Dev and Indira Arjun Dev
Ancient India - Class XI by Ram Sharan Sharma
Medieval India - Class XI by Satish Chandra

ANNEXURE

STATEMENTS SHOWING PORTIONS DELETED FROM THE NCERT HISTORY BOOKS

Book 1 (Ancient India) - Class VI - Romila Thapar

1. In fact.as a punishment - Life in the Vedic Age - p.p. 40-41

Book 2 (Modern India) - Class VIII - Arjun Dev and Indira Arjun Dev

2. Another power intrigues at Delhi - India in the Eighteenth Century p.p.21

Book 3 (Ancient India) Class XI Ram Sharan Sharma

3. To the second-societies of Europe Modern Historians of Ancient India p.p.7
4. Archaeological evidence in the present chapter Types of Sources and Historical Construction p.p.20-21.
5. The people living nearly four hectares Chalcolithic Farming Culture p.p. 45
6. The cattle Vedic sacrifices Jainism and Budhism p.p. 90
7. Vardhaman Mahavira and Jainism: According to Jainas in 527 BC Jainism and Budhism p.p. 91-92
8. Brahmanical Reaction: The brahmanical reaction neglected by Ashoka

Significance of the Maurya Rule p.p. 137-138

9. The Varna System: Religion influenced brahmanical indoctrination and the Varna System Legacy in Science and Civilization p.p. 240-241

Book 4 (Medieval India) Class XI Satish Chandra

10. The Sikhs: Although there regional independence Climax and Disintegration of the Mughal Empire p.p. 237-238